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ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL BUREAU OF FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Bureau of Forest Genetic Resources;
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives thereof ;
- (c) the extent to which it would help in conservation and evaluation of forestry species; and
- (d) the details of other such projects already existing and doing similar job?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Board of Governors of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education in its last meeting held during October 2004 has approved a proposal to set up a 'National Bureau of Forest Genetic Resources' (NBFGR).
- (b) The aims and objectives of the NBFGR would be to act as a nodal agency at national level for acquisition and management of indigenous and exotic forest genetic resources for their exploration, documentation, conservation and sustainable management for productivity enhancement
- (c) The bureau would help in consolidating facilities for germplasm collection, conservation and documentation and to make available these resources to scientists engaged in forestry research. This will also help in developing suitable protocols for conservation and sustainable utilisation of forest genetic resources for bringing out ecological, economic and livelihood security to all the stakeholders.
- (d) There is a National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), established during 1976 which exclusively deals with agricultural and horticultural species. For forestry species, very little efforts have been made so far. There is no national level organisation like NBPGR to take care of forestry species.